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THE
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O F
G R E A T - B R I T A I N
A N D
S P A I N,

FROM THE
Commencement of the Present WAR,
to this *Time,*

IMPARTIALLY STATED;

By laying before the PUBLICK, as Perfect
and Regular a LIST, as can be had, of all
the SHIPS Taken from either NATION,
since the Beginning of the WAR, to this
Time; with proper Remarks upon the LIST
of *British Ships*, in a Pamphlet, intituled,

HIRELING ARTIFICE DETECTED.

In a LETTER to the AUTHOR.

*Est Modus in Rebus; sunt certi denique Fines,
Quos ultra citraque nequit consistere Rectum.*

HOR. Serm. Lib. I.

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T H E
 PROFIT and LOSS
 O F
Great-Britain and Spain, &c.

S I R,

London, Decemb. 18, 1741.

THE War, in which we are at present engaged with *Spain*, having been entered into, at the earnest and unanimous Desire of the whole Kingdom; to endeavour to obtain by Arms, Satisfaction for those Insults and Depredations, which we had long complained of, and by no Remonstrances could have redressed: I think it the indispensable Duty of every Subject, who desires to see it brought to a speedy and happy Issue, to endeavour to stifle all Animosities, and encourage his Fellow-Subjects to contribute chearfully, to a vigorous Prosecution of it; not by imposing on their Understandings, by *false* and *ridiculous* Accounts, but by laying impartially before them, a *true* State of Affairs.

'Tis this, Sir, induces me, who am attached to no *Party*, to state impartially, according

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cording to the best Information I can get, the *Profit* and *Loss* of the two Kingdoms, from the *Beginning* of the *present War* to this *Time*; without either *censuring* or *defending* the Conduct of the Ministry, in the Prosecution of it.

But before I proceed, I shall beg leave to remark an *Error* of your's, which, when rectified, will set the *Profit* and *Loss* of *Great-Britain*, according to your own *Calculation*, in a *Light*, considerably different from *that*, in *which* you have represented it. 'Tis *this*, you have calculated the *Loss* of *Great-Britain* to the 16th of *November* last, and its *Profit* to the 23d of *July* only.

This makes a considerable Difference in the Account, for of your *List* of 314 *British Ships* taken and seized by the *Spaniards*, to the 16th of *last Month*, you will find, if you will please to reflect, no less than 76 taken since the 23d of *July* last, to *which Time* only, you have calculated the *Profit* of *Great-Britain*; if then from * 1053500 *l.* the Value of 301 Ships, at 3500 *l.* *per Ship*, you deduct 266000 *l.* the Value of 76 Ships; the *Profit* and *Loss* of the Kingdom, according to your own *Account*, will stand thus,

* *Hireling Artificer detected*, pag. 38.

Spain to Great-Britain, Debtor.

To 225 Ships, with their Cargoes, at 3500 <i>l.</i> per Ship and Cargo,	}	<i>L.</i> 787,500
To Ballance due to <i>Spain,</i>		

 830,700
Per Contra, Creditor.

	<i>L.</i>
By several Captures,	830,700

Thus, Sir, the Ballance by the *War*, on the 23^d of *July* last, instead of being * 222,800 *l.* against us, according to your own *Account*, appears to have been 43,200 *l.* in our Favour.

SPAIN, having contrary to the Faith of Treaties, perfidiously seized on the Houses, Goods, and Effects of our Merchants, at the breaking out of the War; it was neither for our Honour, or Interest, as a Trading Nation, to make Reprizals: I think it therefore unreasonable to charge the † 50,000 *l.* (tho', perhaps, too much) at which you estimate that Loss, to the Account of *Profit* and *Loss* by the *War*; much less to the two first Years of it only; because, should the War last ten Years, that Loss would not be increased, and there is a considerable Difference between adding 25,000 *l.* per *Annum*, to our Loss by the War, or only 5,000 *l.* This is their *Profit* by *Perfidy*. 'Tis certainly a Loss to the Merchants, but I cannot see, if the Ministry gave them timely Notice to withdraw their Effects, who is blameable for it, but themselves, since the precarious

* Ibid. pag. 47.

† Ibid. pag. 38.

Terms,

Terms, on which we had stood for some Time with *Spain*, ought to have cautioned them to secure them.

I shall now make some Remarks on *your List*, and tho' in respect to its *Number*, it may possibly be erroneous, shall make no Objection to it, because *my own*, although I have taken all possible Care, may be defective,—*humanum est errare*.

Of your List of 314 Captures, I find only 295, chargeable to the Loss of *Great-Britain*, and 291, to the Profit of *Spain*.

No. in your *List*.

		5.
		6.
Seized at <i>Malaga</i> , but	} 5.	7.
discharged afterwards		8.
		9.
	By the <i>Tyger</i> , 2.	{ 91.
		{ 92.
	By the <i>Sunderland</i> , 1.	132.
	By the <i>Deal-castle</i> , 1.	141.
	By the <i>Rose</i> , - 1.	159.
	By the <i>Colchester</i> , 1.	183.
Retaken, 14,	By a Ship of War	} 1. 239.
	not named, -	
	By the <i>Windsor</i> , 1.	268.
	By a Privateer, 1.	277.
	By the <i>Argyle</i> ,	} 5.
	<i>Garland</i> , and	
	<i>Grampus</i> at <i>Vigo</i> .	

Released

Released and retaken,	-	314.
		<u>19.</u>
Remains to the Loss of <i>Great-Britain</i> ,		295.
		No.
Lost carrying into <i>St. Sebastians</i> ,	1.	19.
Blown up, engaging a Privateer,	1.	169.
Lost, carrying into <i>Bilboa</i> ,	1.	294.
Burnt with her Lading, in <i>Ca-</i>	} 1.	
<i>maria Bay</i> , by the <i>Argyle</i> ,		
Lost, blown up, and burnt,	-	<u>4.</u>
		295.
Deduct	-	<u>4.</u>
Remains to the <i>Profit</i> of <i>Spain</i> ,		291.

When I consider, that of these 295 Ships, above 70 were small Brigantines, 23 returning from *Newfoundland*, 6 cutting Logwood in the Gulph of *Honduras*, 4 in Ballast, 3 small Vessels with Coals, and 1 going to *Gibraltar* with Recruits; I am inclined to believe you have estimated them much too high: For certainly above 100 of them, cannot be valued at 1000 *l.* each, and consequently the Value of the Remainder will be raised to above 4,783 *l.* each; which, I believe, every impartial Man will grant, is much more than their real Value: I will therefore estimate every *British* Ship, with her Cargo, taken or destroyed, at 3000 *l.* and then let us see how the Account stands between *Spain* and us.

But as your List of *British* Ships is only brought down to the 16th of *November* last, and I have continued my *List* of *Spanish* Ships, to the 16th of *this Month*; I shall add 11 Ships to the Number of those, to which *Spain* was our Debtor on the 16th of *November* last; which is the Number of Captures made by *Spain*, from that, to this present Time. And then, upon an Average, the Number of *British* Ships seized in Port and taken, both by the Enemies Ships of War and Privateers, from the Proclamation for Reprizals, to this Time, will amount to about 10 Ships *per Month*, a very inconsiderable Loss, considering our extensive Commerce, and compared to that we have sustained in former Wars.

Great-Britain to *Spain*, Creditor.

From *July* 10, 1739, to *December* 16, 1741.

By 302 Ships with their Cargoes,	L.
valued at 3,000 <i>l.</i> per Ship and	906,000
Cargo, - - -	

I think it will not be improper to inform you, that I have taken all imaginable Care, not to insert in the following Account, any Captures, that we have not had certain Advice of; and that I have according to the best Information I can get, given you, the Name and Quality of each Ship; the Commander's Name; her Tonnage; Number of Men and Guns; her Lading; from whence, and whither bound; the Time when, and Place where taken; by what Ship, and by whom commanded;

manded; and whither carried: And that as often as I have not been able to be well informed in any of those Respects, I have been silent.

As it would be impossible to fix a certain and true Value on each Capture, I have not attempted it; and have therefore only estimated those, whose Value you have allowed of, and some few rich Ships, at the one half of what they are valued at in the Publick Papers: The rest I shall value (as the *British* Ships) at 3,000 *l.* per Ship and Cargo; and each Privateer, taken or destroyed, at 500 *l.*

If any Mistakes shall be found in the following Account, I can only alledge in my Defence, that they are not wilful ones, and that I have taken all possible Care to avoid them.

To make the following Account more concise, I have made use of these Abbreviations, viz.

Barb.

Berm.

Bost.

Brist.

Cad.

Can.

Can. Isl.

Catal.

Car.

Carth.

C. Town.

Barbadoes.

Bermudas.

Boston.

Bristol.

Cadiz.

Canaries.

Canary Islands.

Catalonia.

Carolina.

Carthagena.

Charles Town.

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Curas.

<i>Curas.</i>	<i>Curassoe.</i>
<i>Falm.</i>	<i>Falmouth.</i>
<i>Fer.</i>	<i>Ferrol.</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>Genoa.</i>
<i>Gibr.</i>	<i>Gibraltar.</i>
<i>Hav.</i>	<i>Havanna.</i>
<i>Jam.</i>	<i>Jamaica.</i>
<i>L. V. Cruz.</i>	<i>La Vera Cruz.</i>
<i>Lisb.</i>	<i>Lisbon.</i>
<i>Mad.</i>	<i>Madeira.</i>
<i>Mal.</i>	<i>Malaga.</i>
<i>N. Eng.</i>	<i>New-England.</i>
<i>N. Yor.</i>	<i>New-York.</i>
<i>Plym.</i>	<i>Plymouth.</i>
<i>P. Bel.</i>	<i>Porto Bello.</i>
<i>P. Mahon.</i>	<i>Port Mahon.</i>
<i>P. Royal.</i>	<i>Port Royal.</i>
<i>P. Ricco.</i>	<i>Porto Ricco.</i>
<i>Portsm.</i>	<i>Portsmouth.</i>
<i>Rh. Isl.</i>	<i>Rhode Island.</i>
<i>St. Aug.</i>	<i>St. Augustin's.</i>
<i>S. Car.</i>	<i>South Carolina.</i>
<i>St. Kitt's.</i>	<i>St. Christopher's.</i>
<i>St. Seb.</i>	<i>St. Sebastian's.</i>
<i>Tener.</i>	<i>Teneriffe.</i>

Let us now see what *Great-Britain* is indebted to *Spain* from the 10th of *July*, 1739, to the 16th of this Month.

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Great-Britain to Spain Debtor, as follows.

1739.

Advices.

Value.

July. To a large Settee, taken by the *Greyhound* Man of War. £.

Aug. To a Ship with Wine, taken by Commodore *Clayton*, and carried to *P. Mahon*.

11. To a Ship with 700 Barrels of Powder, 10000 Arms, and some Brass Cannon, from the *Groyn* to *Cadiz*, taken by Adm. *Haddock*, and sent to *Gibr*.

To a Ship with 1500 Barrels of Powder, Wine, Oil, and Biscuit, from *Cad.* to *Fer.* taken by the *Oxford*, Capt. *Compton*, and sent to *Gibr*.

To a rich Ship, taken by the *Seaborse*, Capt. *Cleland*.

To a Guarda-Costa, taken by a Privateer of *St. Kits*.

Sept. To a Ship of 200 Tuns, with warlike Stores, from *Gen.* to *Volechia*, taken by Adm. *Haddock*, and sent to *Lisb*.

To two Ships laden with Ammunition, and three Barks with valuable Effects, taken by —

1739. Brought over Value.
 Sept. To a Privateer of 20 Guns, £.
 sunk by the *Drake* Sloop,
 Capt. *Laws*, on the *Jam.*
 Station.

To the *N. S. del Comina*, of
 100 Tuns, seiz'd by the *El-*
tham, Lord *Augustus Fitzroy*.

7. To 2 Sloops and a Catch, ta-
 ken by Commodore *Brown*,
 on the *Jam.* Station, and
 sent to *P. Royal*.

Oct. 23. War declared.

28. To 23 Chests of Silver, taken
 out of a *Gen.* Ship, by the
Rupert, Capt. *Ambrose*. 6000

29. To the *St Joseph*, and another
 rich Ship of 250 Tuns and
 14 Guns, from the *Caraccas*
 to *Cad.* with Tobacco, Co-
 coa, &c. taken off *Cad.* by
 Adm. *Haddock*, and sent to
England. 140000

To a Privateer driven on Shore,
 on the Isle of *Cuba*, by the
Squirrel, Capt. *Warren*.

To two Sloops, with Naval
 Stores, from *Curas.* to *Carth.*
 taken by a Privateer of *N.*
York, and carried to *Jam.*

Carried forward 146000.

1739. Brought over 146000

Oct. To a Register Ship, from
 ——— to *Cad.* taken by Adm.
Haddock, and sent to *Gibr.* 60000

Dec. To a Ship taken on the N.
 8. Side of *Cuba*, by a Privateer of *N. England*, and sent to *Bost.*

13. To a Scooner, taken near *St. Aug.* with Flower and Money, by the *Revenge* Privateer, Capt. *Allen*, and carried to *Newport* in *Rh. Isl.*

1740. Jan. To an Avizo, from *St. Aug.*
 9. to the *Hav.* taken by the *Tartar*, Capt. *Warren*, and car. to *C. Town.*

12. To 3 Ships, with Ammunition, &c. taken by a Privateer of *N. York*, and car. to *Car.*

To a Brig, with Gun-Powder, Iron, and Stores, from *Cad.* to ———, taken by the *Tilbury*, Capt. *Long.*

16. To a Ship with Salt, a Packet-Boat from the *Hav.* and a rich Ship, taken near *Jam.* by a Privateer of *N. York*, Capt. *Nevill*, and car. thither.

Carried forward 206000

1740. Brought over 206000

Jan. To a Ship with Indigo, Cocoa,
22. and a large Sum of Money,
car. to *Barb.* by a Privateer
of that Island.

To 2 Ships, cut out of *St. Jago*
Road.

24. To 2 large Privateers of 30
Guns each, fitted out by
Don Blas, the one taken, the
other destroyed by the *Re-*
venge Snow, Capt. *Andrew*
Stewart.

27. To the Ship, *Jupiter*, of 250
Tuns, and 18 Guns, with
Ordnance and Ammunition,
from *Cad.* to the *Hav.* ta-
ken by the *Seaborse*, Capt.
Cleland.

28. To a Tartane, with Ammuni-
tion, from *Cad.* to *P. Ricco*,
taken by the *Deal-Castle*.

Feb. 4. To 5 Ships, taken by the *Har-*
grave Privateer of *Gibr.* and
car. to *Lisb.*

To an *Avizo*, taken by *Adm.*
Haddock.

Mar. To a *Spanish Brig*, from *St.*
4. *Seb.* to *Cad.* with Gun-pow-
der, Iron and Stores, taken
by the *Sea-Horse*, Capt. *Cle-*

Carried forward 206000

1740.

Brought over 206000

Mar.

land (who also retook 4 English Vessels).

8. To a Privateer, taken by the *Dursley-Galley*, Capt. *Smith*, and car. to *Lisb*.

10. To the *N. S. del Pillar*, of 150 Tuns *Don Lewis Miranda*, from *Campeachy*, for the *Canaries*, with Tallow, Hides, &c. and a Sloop with Wine, taken by a *N. York* Privateer, Capt. *Bayard*, and car. to *Antigua*, valued at 5000 l.

11. To 2 Sloops from *Carth.* to *P. Bello*, taken by the *Sheerness*, Capt. *Stapleton*.

To a Ship, taken off *Cuba*, by the *Drake* Sloop, Capt. *Masters*.

To 27 Chests of Silver, each of 4000 Pieces of Eight, taken out of a *Gen. Ship*, by Adm. *Haddock*.

24300

17. To a Ship, of 20 Guns, with 100,000 Pieces of Eight, and Cloathing for the Garrison of *St. Aug.* and a Brig of 16 Guns, to the *Hav.* taken by the *Diamond*, Capt. *Knowles*, and car. to *Jam.*

30000

Carried forward 260300

1740. Brought over 260300

Mar. To 72 Brafs Ordnance, 2 Men
of War of 20 Guns each, a
Snow, 10000 Dollars, Am-
munition, &c. taken at *P.*
Bello.

18000

28. To a *Spanish* Ship, with Hides
and Salt, taken off the *W.*
Isl. by a Privateer of *Dartm.*
and car. to *Plym.*

April To a Ship with 6000 Pieces
6. of Eight, and valuable Ef-
fects, taken by a Privateer
of *Berm.* and car. to *St.*
Kits.

8. To a Ship of 16 Guns, from
Cad. to *L. V. Cruz*, taken
by Adm. *Haddock*, and car.
to *Gibr.*

To a Ship with Sugar, taken
by Capt. *Price*, of *S. Car.*

To a Canoe, with 20,000
Pieces of Eight, and a rich
Ship, taken by the *Virgin*
Queen Privateer, Capt. *Hall.*

21. To 1 *Spanish* and 3 *Dutch*
Ships, with Naval Stores,
&c. taken between *Carth.*

Carried forward 278300

1740.

Brought over 278300

Apr.

and *P. Bello*, by the *Ruby*,
and car. to *Jam*.25. To a rich Ship, taken by a
Boston Privateer, Capt. *Davidson*.26. To the *Princessa* Man of War,
of 68 Guns and 650 Men,
taken off Cape *Finisterre*,
by the *Lenox*, *Kent*, and
Orford, and brought to *St.*
Helens.

20000.

29. To the Privateer *N. S. de la*
Conception, of 22 Guns, and
150 Men, taken by the *Gar-*
land Man of War, and car.
to *P. Mahon*.

May,

24.

To a Privateer of 18 Guns,
and 150 Men, drove ashore
and destroyed on the Island
of *Cuba*, to the Leeward of
St. Jago, by the *Greenwich*,
Capt. *Windham*, (and a Brig
retaken.)A Snow, A Brigantine, and A
Sloop, taken by a Privateer
of *Jamaica*, Capt. *Snee*, said
said to be worth 20,000 l.30. To the Privateer, *St. Sebastian*
y las Animas, of 12 Guns

Carried forward 298300

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1740.

Brought over 298300

May, and 91 Men, *Don Peblo de Arbez*, Capt. taken by the *Deptford*, Capt. *Pocklington*, and car. to *P. Mahon*, (a Brig and Sloop retaken).

June, To a *Barca-Longa*, from *Cad.*
9. to *Corunna*, with 50 Cannon and Ammunition, taken by the *Deal-castle*.

14. To a *Tartane*, with Wine and Oil, from *Cadiz* for the *Canaries*, taken by the *Constantine*, Capt. *Whitchurch*, and car. to *Gibr.* worth 6000 Dollars.

To a Privateer of 10 Guns and 86 Men, *Don Sebastian Cavalla*, Capt. taken by the *Greyhound*, Capt. *Peyton*.

To a Privateer of 20 Guns, and 87 Men, taken by the *Shoreham*, Capt. *Broderick*, off the *Hav.* and car. to *Car.*

To *Port Plata*, plundered by a *Rhode-Island* Privateer, Capt. *Hall*.

6000

16. To two Ships, taken by a *N. York* Privateer, Capt. *Lush*, on board of which were found 32,000 Pieces of Eight, 450

Carried forward 304300

1740.
June

Brought over 304300

Serons of Cocoa and other
valuable Goods, valued at
35000 l.

20000

To a rich Sloop, with Cocoa,
Silver, &c. taken by the
George Privateer, Capt. *Ax-*
on, valued at 20,000 l.To a Sloop from the *Havanna*
to St. *Augustine*, with 8000
Pieces of Eight, taken by the
Squirrel, Capt. *Warren*, car.
to *Car*.

19. To 4 *Barca-Longa's* and A
Tartane of 120 Tuns, with
Wine and Brandy, taken off
Faro by the *Superbe*, and
car. to *Gibr*.

To a Snow, A Brig, and A
Sloop, taken by Capt. *Snee*,
off *Jam*.

- July, To 4300 Serons and Bags of
2. *Guayaguil* Cocoa, *Jesuits*
Bark, and *Spanish* Wool,
11 Brass Cannon, 11 *Pate-*
*raro*es, &c. (two *Guarda-*
Costa's sunk) taken at Fort
Chagre.

150000

3. To a Ship with 50 Tuns of
Powder, taken by a *Rhode-*

Carrried forward 474300
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1740.

Brought over 4743⁰⁰

July

Island Privateer, Captain
Allen.

- 6 To 2 Ships with Wine, &c. for
Cadiz, taken out of Salo
Bay, by the *Pembroke* and
Advice, car. to P. Mahon.

- Aug. To a large Ship from the Can.
5. to the Hav. taken off *Hen-
cago*, by a Privateer of St.
Kits, Capt. *Cunningham*, car.
to Jam. val. 20,000 l.

To a Pettiauger, A Brig, and
A Sloop taken, and A Sloop
destroyed, by the *May-
Flower*, Capt. *Jones*.

7. To the *El Sol d'Orado*, from
Palma to the Hav. with
240 Pipes of Wine and
Brandy, and dry Goods, ta-
ken by a Privateer of Jam.
Capt. *Wilford*.

To a Sloop of 120 Tuns, ta-
ken by the *Roebuck*, Capt.
Crawford.

9. To a Privateer, taken by a
Merchant-Ship, Capt. *Spaw-
forth*.

To the *Phœnix*, a Dutch Ship,
of 26 Guns, with Spanish
Goods, from Cad. to L. V.

Carried forward 4743⁰⁰

1740.

Brought over 474300

Cruz, taken off Cape *Corrientes*, by the *Worcester* and *Falmouth*. The Vice-Roy of *Mexico* was on board.

To a Lug-Sail Boat, of 25 Tuns and 40 Men, taken by the *Fox*, Capt. *Nevill*.

12. To a Sloop with 8000 Pieces of Eight, &c. taken by a Privateer of *St. Kitts*, Capt. *Wentworth*, car. to *Turtola*.

Sept. 2. To a Privateer of 10 Guns, (with an *English* Ship in tow) taken by the *Garland*.

12. To a rich Ship, taken by a Privateer of *Rh. Isl.* Capt. *Griffith*.

19. To a Privateer of 10 Guns, taken by the *Bonetta* Sloop, off, and car. into *Oporto*.

Oct. To a Register Ship, valued at 30,000 *l.* taken by a *N. York* Privateer, Capt. *Woolford*.

200000

18. To 2 Ships, taken by the *Saltaish* Sloop.

To a Privateer of 8 Guns and 40 Men; Another (the *St. Joseph*) Privateer of 6 Guns, and 46 Men both taken off ———

Carried forward 494300

1740.

Oct.

Brought over 494300

Bilboa, by the *Newcastle* and
Dolphin Men of War, and
car. to *Plymouth*.

27. To 2 Privateers, drove on
Shore at *Nantz*, by the
Dolphin and *Newcastle*.

To a Ship with 350 Barrels of
Powder, 300 small Arms,
and 300 Pieces of Eight,
taken by a Pettyauger of
Jam. Capt. Ford.

30. To a Ship of 300 Tuns, and
6 Six-pounders, with Wine
and Oil, taken by the *Peggy*
Privateer of *St. Kits*, Capt.
Perry.

Nov. To a Settee of 70 Men, taken
3. by the *Spy* Sloop.

8. To a Sloop, destroyed by a
Privateer of *Jam. Capt. Ben-*
net; and Another taken and
ransomed for 5000 Dollars.

To a Privateer of 18 Guns,
of *St. Jago de Cuba*, burnt
by the *Sheerness*, Captain
Stapleton.

To a rich Ship, taken by the
Boyde Privateer, Captain
Coult.

To a Guarda Costa, with va-
luable Effects, taken by ———

Carried forward 494300

1740. Brought over 494300

Nov. the —, Capt *Boscarwen*.

13. To a Privateer, taken by the *Lively*.

To the Privateer *N. S. del Charo*, taken by the *Dolphin*, Capt. *Holbourn*.

19. To a Launch, with 25 Men, taken by the *Rose*, Capt. *Franklin*, car. (with a Ship retaken) into *Torbay*.

To a Ship with 50 Tuns of Powder, taken by the *Ann* Privateer.

To a rich *Dutch* Ship, said to have 60,000 Pieces of Eight, Cocoa, &c. taken by Adm. *Haddock*.

15000

To a large and rich Sloop, taken by a Privateer of *Jam*.

Dec. To a Barca-longa, with Artillery Stores, from St *Lucar* to *Ferrol*, taken by the *Fly* Sloop, and sent to *Lisb*.

8. To a Brig, And 2 Sloops, taken off the *Can*. And the *Ann* (*Dutch*) from *Amsterdam* to *Tener*. with Anchors, Cables, &c. taken among the *Can*. Islands, by the *Vernon* Privateer, Capt. *Bonamy*, and car. to *Brist*.

Carried forward 509300

1740.

Brought over

509300

Dec. To 3 Ships taken by the *St. Andrew*, Privateer, of *Rh. Isl.*
9. Capt. *Davidson*, and car. to *Mad.*

17. To a Sloop and a Schooner taken in the *Windward-Passage*, by two Privateers, of *Carolina*, Capt. *Hall* and Capt. *Langdon*.

To a Privateer of 130 Men, drove on Shore, near *St. Jago de Cuba*, by the *Squirrel*, Capt. *Warren*.

1741

Jan. To a Tender on the *Ferrol* Squadron, laden with Gun-Powder, &c. taken by the *Worcester* Man of War.

5. To an Avizo from *Spain* to the *Harv.* taken by the *Norwich*, Capt. *Herbert*, and car. to *Jam.*

7. To a large Privateer, of 20 Guns, sunk by the *Princess Augusta*, Capt. *Gwin*.

12. To a Ship, with Ammunition, Stores, and 20,000 Dollars, taken by the *Squirrel*, Capt. *Warren*, and sent to *Jam.*

To a *Dutch* Ship, with 8000 Peices of Eight, &c. taken by Capt. *Hobson*.

Carried forward 509300

1741. Brought over 509300

Jan. To Naval Stores; taken out of
22. a *Swede*, a *French*, and a
Dutch Ship, by the *Deal-*
Castle, Capt. *West*.

Feb. To a large Ship, taken off *St.*
2. *Lucar*, by the *Eagle*, *Privateer*, Capt. *Dumaresque*.

5. To a Ship with Wine, from
Mal. to *Cad.* taken by the
Eagle *Privateer*, Capt. *Du-*
maresque, and car. to *Gibr.*

7. To a *Spanish* Tartane, taken
by the *Stubbington*, Capt.
Mauger, and car. to *Gibr.*

Apr. To the Plunder of the Town
6. of *Oronogue*, and 2 rich Ships
taken in the Harbour, by the
Victory Sloop, of *Rh. Isl.*
Capt. *Powers*.

2000

To two rich Ships, taken by
Capt. *Wickham*, of *Newport*,
in *Rh. Isl.*

To a Xebeque, taken by the
Garland.

8. To a Ship of 16 Guns, from
Cadiz, with a valuable Cargo,
for the *West-Indies*, taken by
Admiral *Haddock*, And 2 Set-
tees, taken by the *Dursley-*
Galley, and car. to *Gibr.*

Carried forward 511300

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1741. Brought over 511300

Apr. To a Privateer, drove a Shore
by the *Dartmouth-Galley*
Privateer, Capt. *Lefevre*.

May, To a *Dutch* Ship from *P. Ricco*,
3. And another with Provisions
from *Cad.* for *Carth.* taken
and car. to *Gibr.*

7. To the *N. S. de la Assumption*,
a Privateer of 4 Guns and
45 Men, taken off *Havre*, by
the *Barfleur* and *Duke's* Ten-
ders, Lieut. *Calmady*.

To one Privateer taken; And
one sunk, by the *Ipswich*
Man of War.

12. To a Ship drove on Shore, be-
tween *Oporto* and *Villa de*
Conde, by the *Bonetta* Sloop.

13. To a *Spanish* Brigantine, taken
between *Villa de Conde* and
Oporto, by the *Rye* Man of
War.

15. To the *St. Antonio de Padua*
Privateer, Capt. *Don Juan*
Baptista de Escarra, of 18
Guns and 151 Men, taken
off *Scilly*, by the *Rupert*,
Capt. *Ambrose*, and car. to
Plym.

16. To a large Ship of 200 Men,
with 200 Head of Cattle, ———

Carried forward 511300

1741.

Brought over 511300

May, and 600 Bags of Flower,
taken near *Oran*, by the
Dursley-Galley, Capt *Hughs*,
and car. to *Gibr.*

To a Privateer of 10 Guns and
77 Men, taken off *Finisterre*,
by the *Kingston*, Capt *Nor-*
ris, and car. to *Lisb.*

To a rich Ship, taken by the
George Privateer, Captain
Drummond.

18. To 3 Ships, with Oil and
10,000 Dollars, from *Se-*
ville to *Cad.* taken by Adm.
Haddock.

To a *French* Ship, with 1387
Pistoles, 290 l. in Silver,
200 Oz. of Plate, 700 Bar-
rels of Flower, Gold and
Silver Lace, Cambricks,
Muslins, Silks, Velvets, &c.

To another *French* Ship of
500 Tuns, with Flower,
Iron, and Naval Stores,
And one laden with Salt,
all 3 taken by the *Squirrel*,
Capt. *Warren*, and car. to
Jam.

To 2 Ships from *St. Jago de*
Cuba to *Carth.* taken by the
Falmouth Capt. *Douglas*.

Carried forward 511300

1741. Brought over 511300
 May, To a Ship from *Fer.* and another from *P. Bello*, taken by the *Deptford*, Capt. *Mostyn*.

25. To a *French Ship*, of 350 Tuns and 16 Guns, with Ammunition, &c. for *Carth.* taken by the *Defiance*, Capt. *Trevor*, and car. to *Jam.* 20000

To a rich Ship, with Bale Goods, valued at 50,000 *l.* taken by the same and car. to *Jam.* 30000

To a *Spanish Ship* taken by the *Brislington*, Capt. *Whitfield* of *Bristol*, and car. to *Oporto*.

30. To a new Xebeque, taken by the *Aldborough*, Capt. *Pocock*, on the Coast of *Catal.* with 53 Men for the Privateers at *Majorca*, And a Ship, laden with Barley, taken by the *Dragon*, Capt. *Barnett*, both car. to *P. Mahon*.

To several Butts of *Sherry* (and 30,000 Dollars, not yet condemned) taken out of a *Sweedish Indiaman*, off the *Canaries*, by the *Biddeford*, Capt. the Rt. Hon. the Lord *Forrester*. 500

June, To a *French Ship*, with Naval
 5. Stores, taken off *Oporto*, by ———
 Carried forward 561800

1741.	Brought over	561800
June,	the <i>Bonetta</i> Sloop, and car.	
	thither.	
	To 2 small Privateers, taken	
8.	by the <i>Gallopier</i> , and another	
	Tender, under <i>Dungeness</i> .	
11.	To the <i>Biscaya</i> Privateer, of 12	
	Guns, a great Quantity of	
	Arms, and 119 Men, taken	
	off <i>St. Seb.</i> by the <i>Rupert</i> Capt.	
	<i>Ambrose</i> , and car. to <i>Plym.</i>	
	To 40 Pieces of large Cannon,	
	taken out of a <i>French</i> Ship,	
	from <i>Ferrol</i> for <i>Cadiz</i> , by	
	Capt <i>Paulet</i> .	2000
	To 30 Pieces of Cannon, taken	
	out of a <i>French</i> Ship, from	
	<i>Ferrol</i> for <i>Cadiz</i> , by the <i>Ver-</i>	
	<i>non</i> Privateer, Captain <i>Willis</i> .	1500
23.	To the Plunder of Fort <i>St. Ig-</i>	
	<i>natius</i> , 2500 Pieces of Eight,	
	12 Guns, &c. by the <i>Peggy</i>	
	Sloop, Capt. <i>Woolford</i> .	3000
	To a fine Ship, of 24 Guns,	
	taken by the <i>Sunderland</i> .	
July	To a <i>Dutch</i> Fly-Boat, of 300.	
3.	Tuns, with Cocoa, &c. from	
	<i>P. Bello</i> . ———	
11.	To 5 Ships with Provisions and	
	Naval Stores for <i>Carth.</i> taken	
	by the <i>Defiance</i> , Capt. <i>Tre-</i>	
	<i>vor</i> , and sent to <i>Jam.</i>	————
	Carried forward	568300

1741. Brought over 568300
 July, To a large Ship, taken by a
Rb. Isl. Privateer, Capt. Col-
lingwood.
 To a rich Ship, taken by the
Diamond, Capt. Knowles, and
 sent to *Jam.* valued at
 40,000*l.* 20000
 14. To 2 *Spanish* Ships, taken by
 the *Squirrel, Capt. Warren,*
 and sent to *Jam.*
 16. To the *Humility of Stockholm,*
 of 300 Tuns, from *Mal.* and
Alicant, with Wine, Oil, Al-
 monds, *Castille* Soap, Fruits,
 &c. taken by the *Revenge,*
Privateer, Capt. Wimble, and
 car. to *Plym.*
 21. To the *Juffrow Elizabeth,* with
 157 Pipes of Wine, and (as
 said) 100,000 Pieces of
 Eight, taken off the *Can.*
Isl. by the *Francis, Capt.*
Page, and brought to *Palm.*
 Aug. To a Ship with 300 Pipes of
 1. Wine, taken by the *Resolu-*
tion Snow, Capt Stocker, a
N. Eng. Privateer, and car.
 to *Bost.*
 To 7 Ships, taken by *Adm.*
Haddock, and sent into *Faro.*
 11. To a Brig. from *Rebuades,* to

 Carried forward 588300

1741.

Aug.

Brought over 588300
Corunna, taken by the *Argyle*, off *Cape Prior*.

- * A *N. Eng.* Ship with Fish,
 11. burnt by the same in *Camar-
 ria Bay*.

To a fine Ship, of 24 Guns,
 from the *Hav.* taken by the
 same.

- * Five *Prizes*, brought out of
Vigo Harbour, by the *Argyle*,
Gibraltar, and *Grampus*,
 and sent to *Oporto*.

24. To a *French Sloop*, with a great
 Number of Officers and
 Arms, from *Port Lewis* for
Martinique, taken by a Pri-
 vateer of *Boston*, Capt. *Da-
 vidson*, condemned at *New-
 port*, valued at 8000 *l*.

To a Privateer, sunk near *Mal*.

28. by Capt. *Bollen*.

To a *Spanish Pacquet*, taken
 by the *Defiance*, Capt *Tre-
 vor*.

29. To 2 *Dutch Ships*, of 500
 Tuns each, with Naval
 Stores for *Cad.* taken by
 Adm. *Haddock*, and sent to
Gibr.

To a Privateer, of 73 Men, lost

Carried forward 588300

1741. Brought over 588300
 Aug. on the Back of the Isle of
Wight.

To 3 Ships taken by the *George*
 Privateer, Capt. *Drummond*;
 one laden with Wine, off the
 Island of *Teneriffe*; another
 off *Jam.* and the 3d fitted out
 for a Cruize.

Sept. To a Ship for *St. Seb.* with 26
 5. large Guns, 20 smaller, Am-
 munition, &c. taken by the
Swift Sloop, and sent to
Dover.

7. To a *Spanish* Ship, with 25
 Tuns of *Quicksilver*, &c.
 taken by a Privateer of *Jam.*
 Capt. *Thompson.*

To a large Privateer of 107
 Men, sunk off *Trinidad*, by
 the *Squirrel*, Capt. *Warren.*

To a *Dutch* Ship, laden at *Cad.*
 with 14000 Pieces of Eight,
 &c. taken by the *Deptford*,
 Capt. *Mostyn*, and car. to *Jam.*

15. To 2 Barks, taken off *Vivero*,
 by the *Nassau*, Capt. *Medley.*

To the *Conception*, of 180 Tuns
 and 37 Men, with Beef, Pork
 and Flower, taken off *St.*
Seb. from whence bound to
Carth. by the *Assistance*, Capt.
Martin.

Carried forward 588300

1741. Brought over 588300

Sept. To the *St. Dominique*, of 200

15. Tuns and 62 Men, from
Greenland, with Oil and 2
Whales, for *St. Jean de Luz*,
by the same.

29. To the *Duke de Vendosme* Pri-
vateer, *Don Martin de A-*
renedez Capt. of 26 Guns,
and 202 Men, with a great
Quantity of Arms, all new,
taken by the *Rupert*, Capt.
Ambrose.

To the *Virgin Rosario*, with 12
Guns and 67 Men, from the
Hav. taken by the *Tartar*,
Capt. *Townsend* and car. to
Car.

30. To the *La Grande Justice*, a
French Ship, of between 3
and 4000 Tons, and 20
Guns, with Sugar, Cochineal,
Cocoa, Hides, 60 Bars of
Gold and Silver, and 180,000
Pieces of Eight, taken off the
Mad. by the *Succefs*, Capt.
Thompson, and car. to *Boston*. 100000

Oct. To 5 Prizes, sent to *Gibr.* by
10. Adm. *Haddock*, 1 of them a
French Ship, of 3 or 400
Tuns.

Carried forward 688300

1741.

Brought over 688300

Oct. To a rich Ship, valued at
10. 20,000 *l.* taken off *Borica*,
by the *Revenge* Privateer,
Capt. *Fox*, and car. to *New-*
port, in *Rb. Isl.*

10000

To a Privateer of 4 Guns and
46 Men, taken off *Tariffa*,
by the *Winchelsea*, Capt.
Holcombe, and car. to
Gibr.

27. To a *Spanish* Man of War
of 24 Guns and 220 Men
from *Port-Passage* to *Mexico*,
taken by the *Worcester*,
and car. into *Cumberland*
Harbour.

To the *Providence*, of 350
Tuns, 12 Guns and 50
Men, with Beef, Pork,
Flower, Wine, Brandy and
Bar Iron, for *Carth.* taken
off *Rio de la Hacca*, by the
Defiance Capt. *Trevor*, and
car. to *Jam.*

Nov. To the *Melilla*, a Barca-
7. Longa, of 100 Tuns, 6
Guns, and 55 Men, ta-
ken off *Mal.* by the *Gar-*
land's Prize.

21. To a Privateer of 14 Guns, and ———
Carried over 698300

1741.	Brought over	698300
Nov.	80 Men, Capt. <i>Begottillos</i> , sunk off <i>Tener.</i> by the <i>Pearl</i> Sloop, Capt. <i>Reynolds</i> .	
22.	To a Privateer of <i>St. Aug.</i> taken by a Privateer of <i>S.</i> <i>Carolina</i> , Capt. <i>Rouse</i> and car. to <i>C. Town</i> , (with a Ship retaken).	
25.	To 2 <i>Span.</i> Ships taken by the <i>Newcastle</i> , Capt. <i>Fox</i> , and brought to <i>Portsmouth</i> .	
	To a Ship with 70000 Pieces of Eight, &c. from <i>Car-</i> <i>thagena</i> , taken by the <i>Shore-</i> <i>ham</i> , Capt. <i>Broderick</i> .	30000
	To the <i>Jean Dufau</i> , a Ship newly built at <i>Bilboa</i> , of 300 Tuns, Capt. <i>Lemary</i> , with 414 Bags of <i>Spanish</i> Wool and Bar Iron, from <i>Bilboa</i> for <i>Havre de Grace</i> , valued at above 12000 <i>l.</i> taken by the <i>Warren</i> Galley, Capt. <i>Huddy</i> , and car. to <i>Portsm.</i>	12000
Dec.	To a rich Ship from the <i>Hav.</i> valued at 200,000 <i>l.</i> taken by the <i>Weymouth</i> , Capt. <i>Knowles</i> , and car. to <i>Jam.</i>	100000

Carried forward 840300
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1741.

Brought over 840300

Dec. To a Privateer of 20 Guns,
from the *Hav.* taken by
the *Augusta*, Capt. *Dennis*,
and car. to *Jam.*

5. To a Ship taken out of *Barra-*
coa Harbour, by the *Charm-*
ing Humming-Bird, a Pri-
vateer of *N. York*, and car.
thither. (A rich *Scotch* Ship
retaken at the same time)

8. To the *N. S. del Carmen*, a Pri-
vateer of 24 Guns, and 187
Men, Capt. *Don Francisco*
de l'Arica, taken by the
Rupert, Capt. *Ambrose*, and
car. to *Plym.*

14. To a Settee, from *Cad.* to *L. V.*
Cruz, with 20 Tuns of
Quicksilver, &c. taken by
the *Kennington*, Capt. *Pey-*
ton, and car. to *Lisb.*

16. To a Sloop with 70 Pas-
sengers taken by the *Dart-*
mouth Galley, Privateer,
off —, and car. into *Mad.*

To a Sloop with 50 Men, ta-
ken off *Viana*, by the
Grampus.

840300
On

On a Review of the preceding Account, I find, that from the 10th of *July*, 1739, to the 16th of this *present Month*, we have taken from *Spain*,

Ships of War	3
Merchant Ships	202
Privateers	30

Out of several other Ships, as follows;

Out of a *Gen. Ship*, 23 Chests of Silver.

Out of another *Gen. Ship*, 27 Chests ditto, of 4000 Pieces of Eight each.

Out of a *French Ship*, 40 Pieces of large Cannon.

Out of another *French Ship*, 30 Pieces ditto.

Add to this,

Out of a *Sweedish Indiaman* [30000 Dollars not yet condemned] and 6 Butts of *Sherry*, condemned.

Taken at *P. Bello*, 72 Brass Ordnance, 2 Ships of 20 Guns each, a fine Snow, 10,000 Dollars, Ammunition, &c.

At *Port-Plata*, several valuable Effects.

At *Oronoque*, the same.

At *Chagre*, 4,300 Bags and Serons of *Guayaquil* Cocoa, Jesuits Bark, and *Spanish* Wool, 11 Brass Cannon, 11 Patteraroes, &c.

At Fort *St. Ignatius*, 2,500 Pieces of Eight, 12 Guns, and valuable Effects.

And

And that we have destroyed, in the same Space of Time,

Ships of War, ————— 8.

Galleons, ————— 7.

Privateers, ————— 19.

Besides several other Vessels ; with the Fortifications of *P. Bello, Chagre, and Carthagena.*

As I have estimated each *British* Ship and Cargo, taken or destroyed, at 3000 *l.* so I will set the same Value on each *Spanish* Ship and Cargo, except 15, which we have taken ; and value the Privateers, large and small, taken or destroyed, at 500 *l.* each ; to which, I presume, you will make no Objection ; and then the Account of *Profit* by the War, will stand thus.

From *July* 10, 1739, to *Dec.* 16, 1741.

Spain to *Great-Britain*, Debtor.
£.

To 302 Ships, with
their Cargos, va-
lued at 3000 *l.* per
Ship and Cargo. 906,000

Carried forward 906,000

Per Contra, Creditor.
£.

By 187 Ships with
their Cargos, va-
lued at 3000 *l.* per
Ship and Cargo. 561000

By 30 Privateers ta-
ken, at 500 *l.*
each. 15000

By the *Princessa* Man
of War. 20000

By 23 Chests of Sil-
ver, taken out of a
Gen. Ship. 6000

Carried forward 602000

Spain to Great Britain, Debtor.

Per Contra, Creditor.

Brought over ^{£.} 906000

^{£.} 602000

By 27 Chests, of 4000
Pieces of Eight
each, taken out of
another *Gen. Ship.* 24300
By 40 Pieces of large
Cannon, taken out
of a *French Ship.* 2000
By 6 Butts of Sherry,
taken out of a
Swedish Indiaman,
and sold for 500
By 30 Cannon, taken
out of another
French Ship. 1500
By 72 Brass Ord-
nance, 2 Ships of
20 Guns each, a
fine Snow, 10,000
Dollars, Ammuni-
tion, &c. taken at
P. Bello. 18000
By Effects taken at
Port Plata. 6000
By 4,300 Serons and
Bags of *Guaya-*
quil Cocoa, Jesuits
Bark, and *Spanish*
Wool, 11 Brass
Cannon, 11 Pa-
teraroes, &c. 150000
By Effects, at *Oronoque.* 2000
By 2,500 Pieces of
Eight, 12 Guns,
and Effects, taken
at *Fort St. Igna-*
tius. 3000
By the two *Caracca*
Ships taken by Ad-
miral *Haddock.* 140000

Carried forward 906000

Carried forward 949300

<i>Spain to Great-Britain, Debtor.</i>		<i>Per Contra, Creditor.</i>	
£.		£.	
Brought over	906000	Brought over	949300
		By a Register Ship,	
		from — to <i>Cad.</i>	
		taken by <i>Adm.</i>	
		<i>Haddock</i> , and sent	
		to <i>Gibr.</i>	60000
		By a rich Ship taken	
		near <i>St. Aug.</i>	30000
		By a Ship taken by	
		Capt. <i>Lush</i> , va-	
		lued at 35,000 <i>l.</i>	20000
		By a rich Ship taken	
		by Capt. <i>Woolford</i> ,	
		valued at 30,000 <i>l.</i>	20000
		By a <i>Dutch</i> Ship,	
		with 60,000 Pie-	
		ces of Eight, Co-	
		coa, &c.	15000
		By a Register Ship, ta-	
		ken by Capt. <i>Trevor</i> .	20000
		By a Ship with Bale-	
		Goods, valued at	
		50,000 <i>l.</i>	30000
		By a Ship taken by	
		the <i>Diamond</i> , va-	
		lued at 40,000 <i>l.</i>	20000
		By a <i>French</i> Ship,	
		with 180,000 Pie-	
		ces of Eight, Co-	
		coa, &c. taken by	
		the <i>Sheerness</i> .	100000
		By a Ship taken off	
		<i>Borica</i> , valued at	
		20,000 <i>l.</i>	10000
		By a rich Ship, with	
		80,000 Pieces of	
		Eight, Cocoa, &c.	30000
		By the <i>Jean Dufau</i> ,	
		taken by the <i>War-</i>	
		<i>ren-Galley</i> .	12000
		By a rich Ship, taken	
		by the <i>Weymouth</i> ,	
		val. at 200,000 <i>l.</i>	100000
To Balance due to	906000		
<i>Spain.</i>	510300		
	1416300		
			1416300

Having calculated the *Profit* of both Kingdoms by the War, I shall now state the *Loss* of each of them by it; and then we shall be able to determine, what is the *Profit* or *Loss* of each Kingdom, by this present War.

From July 10, 1739, to Dec. 16, 1741.

G. Britain to Loss, Creditor.		Spain to Loss, Creditor.	
	£.		£.
By the <i>Britannia</i> , lost on the Bar of <i>St. Seb.</i>	3000	By the Demolition of the Forts at <i>P. Bello</i> , &c.	82000
By the <i>Gothick-Lion</i> , blown up, engaging a Privateer.	3000	By the <i>Princessa</i> Man of War.	40000
By the <i>Careful Bridget</i> , lost on the Bar of <i>Bilboa</i> .	3000	By the Demolition of Fort <i>Chagre</i> , & 2 <i>Guarda Costa</i> 's destroyed, &c.	50000
By a <i>Newfoundland</i> Ship, laden with Fish, burnt in <i>Camaria</i> Bay.	3000	By the Demolition of the Forts at <i>Carthagena</i> , &c.	200000
		By 6 Ships of War destroyed.	345000
	12000	By 7 Galleons ditto	100000
Which deducted from the Ballance due to <i>Spain</i> , makes the visible Profit of <i>G. Britain</i> , by the War, amount to	498300	By 19 Privateers, sunk & destroy'd, at 500 <i>l.</i> each.	9500
		Which added to the Ballance due from <i>Great-Britain</i> to <i>Spain</i> ,	826500
		Makes the Loss of <i>Spain</i> by the War, amounts to	510300
			1336800
			Having

Having thus, Sir, impartially stated the *Profit* and *Loss* of both Kingdoms by the *War*, I think 'tis evident, that the Ballance of it, is 498,300 *l.* in our Favour, instead of being, as you said, 222,800 *l.* against us ; and that *Spain* is *Lofer* by it, 1,336,800 *l.*

You will observe, that I have charged to the Profit of *Great-Britain*, only what we have got, and have made *Spain* Creditor to *Loss*, for the Damage we have done *her*, by which we have profited nothing

As to the Article of *Porto Bello*, I believe the Brass Guns alone, are worth more than 12000 *l.* for which Reason, I have added 6000 *l.* to that Article.

The *Princessa* Man of War I have estimated at 20,000 *l.* because I am informed, that her Hull alone was sold for 15,000 *l.* and then I believe you will not think her 68 Guns, and Stores, are estimated too high, at 5000 *l.* more.

Although I have not charged the *Damage* we have done *Spain*, to the *Profit* of *Great-Britain*, yet I cannot agree with you, in thinking that Man an * *arrant Fool*, who does so. The War was undertaken to oblige *Spain*, by Arms, to make us Satisfaction for past Depredations, and secure us from the like for the future ; whatever therefore, tends to that great End, is so far advantageous to *Great-Britain*,

and that the demolishing her Fortresses, and destroying her Shipping does, will evidently appear, by the following *Case*.

A and *B* were Tradesmen of the same, and the only ones of that Profession, in the Town of *C*. each of these set up his Business with a Stock of 500*l.* by which he gained 150*l.* *per Ann.* which was a competent Subsistence for himself and Family: *B*. having gotten Effects of *A*'s in his Hands, to the Value of 50*l.* not only refused to pay him for them, but afterwards cheated him of 100*l.* more, by a Parcel of damaged Goods he sold him. *A*. having complained of this, and not being able to obtain any Satisfaction either by Remonstrances or Law, went into *B*'s Shop, beat him, broke, tore, burnt, and destroyed all his Goods, and entirely ruined him, by which Means he enjoyed alone, the whole Trade of the Town, for several Years. Will any Man say that *A* had not an ample Revenge, and that the gaining 150*l.* *per Ann.* for several Years, was not a full Satisfaction too? This, Sir, is exactly our *Case*, with regard to *Spain*; we, indeed, receive no immediate *Profit* from the demolishing her Forts, &c. but the Commerce which we by that Means carry on in their *American* Dominions, will be a real and annual *Profit* to us, as long as the War continues.

I am sensible an Objection may be made to this *Case*, as, what cannot happen in private *Life*, the Subjects of every State, when aggrieved, being forbid to redress themselves, and obliged to submit for Relief, to the Laws of that State of which they are Members: but as the *Sword* is the last Tribunal to which all Sovereigns *appeal*, and from which there lies no *Appeal*, I think no Objection can be made to the Reasoning deduced from it.

You ask *, *If any Man could have imagined in July 1739, that in November 1741, we should have had Reason to complain of such an impotent Enemy, as Spain, having taken above 300 of our Merchant Ships, in less than twenty-six Months Time?* I shall make it appear, that you are not only mistaken in the *Number of Ships* taken, but in the *Length of Time*, also.

First then, with Regard to the *Length of Time*; from *July* the 10th, 1739, to *November* the 16th, 1741, are above *Twenty-eight Months*: Secondly, The *Number of Ships taken*, according to your own *List* (tho' too many) is only 297; of which 285, by *Privateers*, 6 by *Ships of War*, and 6 taken in the *Gulf of Honduras*.

* *Hireling Artifice Detected*, p. 50.

			No. in your List.
Seized at <i>Malaga</i> on the Proclamation for Re- prisals, but released af- terwards,	}	5	5
			6
			7
			8
			9
At <i>Barcelona</i> ,	}	1	17
At <i>Gijon</i> ,	}	1	27
Put into (not knowing of the Declaration for Re- prisals) and seized,	}	at	{ <i>Cadiz</i> , 1 42
			{ <i>Vigo</i> , 1 64
Drove out of <i>Oporto</i> Road, into <i>Gallicia</i> , by Strefs of Weather, and seized,	}	1	57
			2
Taken (not knowing of the Declaration for Re- prisals) as going into <i>Bilboa</i> ,	}	7	22
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			314
Taken by Ships of War 6.	{	By 2 Ships of War,	1 17 59
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		By the <i>Ferrol</i> Squa- dron,	3 297 156
			157
		By 8 Ships of War,	1 198
		By the <i>Cadiz</i> Squa- dron,	1 220
The 6 Ships taken in the Gulf of <i>Honduras</i> , as cut- ting Logwood ; I think, ought not to charged to the Account of Ships ta- ken by Privateers.	}	6	248
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Two hundred and Eighty-five Ships, in *Twenty-eight* Months Time, is not *122 per Ann.* taken by Privateers, and adding to them the 6 Ships taken by Ships of War, and the 6 others taken in the Gulf of *Honduras*, not *128 Ships per Ann.* taken both in the Old and New World, as well by Ships of War, as Privateers.

To make this *Loss* appear the greater, you are pleased to term *Spain*, an *impotent* Enemy; which I cannot grant: She was so *indeed*, at the Beginning of this Century, but since that, is awakened out of that Lethargy, in which she had lain near an Age.

That Kingdom, destitute both of Troops and Shipping, at the Commencement of the War, this in 1702; was so far from being an Assistance to *France*, that it was a real Hindrance to her; and *France* was so vigorously attack'd by Land, and sustained such great Losses, every Year; that she was not able to spare Money, to make such *Naval* Armaments, as, in Conjunction with those of *Spain*, exceeded those which have been made by *France* and *Spain* since the Beginning of this War. I say, by *France* and *Spain*, because not only Part of the *Spanish* Ships of War and Privateers are manned by *French* Sailors, but *France* has actually equipped a considerable Fleet, every Year, which tho' it did not declare for *Spain*, yet gave us just Umbrage; and I appeal to you, if their sending a Fleet
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to the *West-Indies*, did not only oblige us to send a much greater Force, with Sir *Chaloner Ogle*, than we should otherwise have sent, but contribute largely to the fatal Miscarriage at *Carthagena*, by detaining Adm. *Vernon*, near a Month at *Jamaica*.

Spain has now near *Fifty* stout Ships of the Line, besides Frigates, &c. actually equipped; and *France*, upwards of *Thirty*, which is a Force superior to any the *united Crowns* ever had at Sea, any one Year, during the last War. If then, we, who in that War, were assisted by the *Dutch* Naval Force, have alone in this resisted the Efforts of a greater Naval Power, than the united Fleets of the *two Crowns* were in the last War; I think we have no Reason to complain of the great Loss of Ships in this *present War*; because 'tis no way equal to that in the *last*. In the *four first Years and half, or fifty four Months*, of the *last War*, we had *, according to your own Account, 1146 Ships taken; which is above *twenty-one* Ships *per Month*: Whereas *two hundred and ninety-seven*, taken in the *twenty-eight first Months* of *this War*, is not *eleven*.

As several of our *Convoys* were defeated in the *last War*, and none have been in *this*; you deduct 50 Ships *per Ann.* from the Loss of our Merchants by Privateers: I believe 'tis

* *Hireling Artifice Detected*, p. 60.

indifferent to them, whether their Ships are taken by Men of War or Privateers, and therefore see no Reason for this Deduction. In the *last War*, we convoyed our Ships by large Squadrons, to protect them from the Enemy's Fleets; in this, we have employed those Squadrons, in blocking those of our Enemies up in their Ports. Which is the better Method, I shall not pretend to determine; but observe, that Ships convoyed by the most numerous Squadrons, may, by foul Weather, be dispersed; and then, if our Enemies Ships of War are left to range the Seas, must inevitably, many of them fall into their Hands; but, on the contrary, when blocked up in their Ports, a small Frigate will suffice, to protect a large Fleet of Ships from the Insults of Privateers; and should the Squadron, which blocks them up, be driven from its Station, 'tis not probable that they would be able to put to Sea, and do any considerable Damage, before it might reassemble, and possibly intercept some of them, before they returned to Port.

The Reputation of Admiral *Haddock*, is so well established, that you dare not attack that, but say *, *He was not provided with a sufficient Number of small Ships, and proper Instructions*; to prove which, you alledge †, that *about thirty British Ships, have been taken and made Prize of in that § Part of*

* *Hireling Artifice Detected*, p. 50. † *Id.* p. 51.

§ *Mediterranean.*

the World alone. I beg, Sir, you would please to inspect your own List, and there you will find, that *one* of those Ships was seized at *Barcelona*, and *twenty* of them taken before the *twentieth* of *March*, 1740; that is, within *less* than *eight* Months, after the Proclamation for Reprisals, and consequently before many of them could know of it, or any of them be provided to resist the smallest Privateer: and that in the last *twenty* Months, only *nine* Ships have been taken or destroyed in the *Mediterranean*; and then tell me, whether you think any Objection can be made, either to the *Vigilance* of that brave Admiral, or to the *Care* that has been taken of our Trade, in *that Part* of the *World*.

The learned *Puffendorf*, in his *Introduction to the History of Europe*, speaking of the *Interest* of *Great-Britain*, in Regard to *Spain* says, * “ Yet does it not seem to be the Interest of *England*, to fall out with that Kingdom, considering what a vast Trade the *English* have into *Spain*; for it either consumes the *English* Commodities at home, or else exchanges them for Silver, by sending them to *America*.——And besides this, their Trade into the *Levant*, and other Places, would be greatly endangered by the Privateers of *Ostend*, *Biscay*, *Majorca*, and *Minorca*, who in the Time of *Cromwell*,

* P. 169.

“ took 1500 Merchant Ships from the *English*.” We find it the Opinion of that *great Man*, that we ought not to quarrel with *Spain*, when *France* was her most inveterate Enemy; what would he have said, had he seen us engaged in a War with *her* now, when she is so strictly allied to *that Kingdom*, both by Interest and Inclination? We find also, that she took from us *fifteen hundred* Merchant Ships, in about *four Years and a half*, which is above *three hundred and thirty Ships per Ann.* when neither her Naval Power, or our Commerce, were near so considerable as at present; and that in a War under the Direction of *Cromwell*, and when the *French* were our Allies.

You cannot deny our having opened to our selves a Trade with the *Spanish Settlements in America*, by demolishing the Forts of *Porto Bello* and *Chagre*; but you imagine, we shall enjoy but a very small Share of that Trade, because it is equally laid open to the *French, Dutch, and Danes*, whose Ships will meet with no Interruption in their Passage from *Europe* to *America*. But pray, Sir, will they meet with no Interruption in their Return? And will it not be greater than that of our Ships, in their Passage both to, and from *America*? Can they trade to any of the *Spanish American Settlements*, without taking something in Exchange for what they import, that will make them legal Capture, if they fall into the Hands,
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either of a *British* or *Spanish* Cruiser ? This makes me think, that we shall have the greatest Share of that Trade, because *our* Ships will be interrupted only by the *Spanish* Cruisers, *theirs* equally by *ours* also.

War, to a Trading Nation, will always be attended with great Loss; that, by the Increase of Freight and Insurance, is inseparable from it; this, those Gentlemen, who were so desirous of a War, should have considered of, as well as of the total Suspension of their Commerce with *Old Spain*. Whether the Profit arising to us, from our Trade with the *Spanish* Settlements in *America*, will overbalance these Losses, or not, I cannot say; but however that be, if we complain, who have a free Trade with all the World, except *Old Spain*, what must the *Spaniards* do, who do not only lie under the same, but much greater Inconveniences? What will indemnify them for the Loss they sustain, not only by the total Suspension of their Commerce with *Great-Britain*, but almost with all *Europe*, and even with their own Colonies? It is not the Captures they have made from us, because I have already shewn, that the Ballance is almost 500,000 *l.* in our Favour.

I am surprized you should say, our Expence in maintaining 12,000 *Danish* and *Hessian* Troops, is a National Loss, to be imputed to our War with *Spain*. You, perhaps, will say, What have we to do with what passes on the

Continent ? Let the *German* Princes take Care of their own Interests. Whether it is our Interest to support the House of *Austria*, or not, I shall not here discuss, but should rather think those Troops were taken, and are still kept in Pay, to support that *House*.

It may possibly be asked, If these Troops were taken into Pay for the Service of the Queen of *Hungary*, why did they not march to her Assistance ? To this I answer, that by joining with his Majesty's *Hanoverian* Forces, they were as serviceable to her, as if they did, in obliging the King of *Prussia* to form a numerous Army of Observation, which would otherwise have been employed against her in *Silesia*.

To this I could, if it were necessary, add another Reason, that it was to attach those Princes to our Interest, by a Subsidy Treaty, and thereby prevent the *French* from doing it, who made the same Attempt.

'Twas no great Difficulty for the late King *William*, to form the Alliance he did ; the *Imperial* Throne was then filled, and no Appearance of Failure of Male Issue ; *Spain* divided against itself, was governed by a young Prince, scarce seated on his tottering Throne. By the unexpected Death of the late Emperor, the Scene is changed ; *Germany* is now without a Head, and its principal Members dividing the Hereditary Dominions of the House of *Austria*, between them ; the King of *Spain* firmly seated
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on his Throne, and that Monarchy, though dismember'd, by the Form of Government which he has introduced, much more formidable now, than when entire. *Sweden*, by the Instigation of *France*, is endeavouring to recover from *Russia*, the Provinces she lost in the last War; with whom then is this Alliance to be formed? Will the *Dutch*, *Danes*, or *Sardinians*, dare to join with *Great-Britain* to oppose the Designs not only of the House of *Bourbon*, but even of the greatest Part of *Germany*? And if we should throw the Kingdom of *Portugal* into the Scale, will it add much Weight to it? We must wait the Event of Things; Time will shew the *German* Princes their true Interest; and that *France*, by this Partition of the *Austrian* Dominions, only follows her Cabinet Device, *Decipe, Divide, & Impera*.

I shall next examine the two first Reasons you assign, " For our not being able to get a
 " sufficient Number of Men to man such
 " a Number of Ships of War as were
 " necessary for the Defence of our Dominions
 " at home and abroad, and for the Protection
 " on of our Trade by Cruisers and Convoys."
 The first is the *Ill Treatment* our Sailors have met with for *several Years* past. Pray what *Ill Treatment*? Are there any Seamen in the Universe so well fed, and so well paid, as ours? Are there any have greater Encouragement to enter into the Service, or are more comfortably provided for, when disabled or worn out in it?
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Are there any have greater Encouragement with Regard to Captures? Is it that they are forced into the Service? Was it not the same in the Reigns of King *William* and Queen *Ann*, when they had not the Encouragement they have now? 'Tis Necessity, not Choice, forces the Government to this. I would have those brave Fellows, who are undoubtedly the *Bulwark* of this Nation, and *Source* of its Riches, have all the Encouragement that is consistent with the Publick Good, and am satisfied the Government has the tenderest Regard for them, and will, if they have any real Grievance to complain of, upon proper Application, redress it: for whatever may be suggested to the contrary, nothing is more notorious, than that the *British* Seamen have not only such Encouragement as will enable them to live comfortably; but which ought to make them highly prefer the Service of their own Country, to, that of any other.

The second Reason you assign, is, That we began too soon to raise Recruits and new Regiments for the Land Service. If I mistake not, the Number of our standing Forces at the Proclamation for Reprisals, was 26,000 Men, of which Number 8000 were absolutely necessary for the Garrisons of *Gibraltar* and *Port Mahon*. Would it have been prudent to have sent a large Detachment of the Remainder to the *West-Indies*, and have left the Kingdom naked? And if we had sent a small one, what would

would it have signify'd? Oh! but you will say, our Fleet is our Defence. True, Sir, if you will undertake to command the Winds. But what if they should lock our Fleet up in Port, and favour our Enemies to land 15 or 20,000 native *Irish*, with Arms, &c. in that Kingdom? Would it not cost us more to drive them out again, than the War with *Spain* has cost us? And should we not lose more by their Ravages in that Kingdom, than we have done by the *Spanish* Privateers? You say both *France* and *Spain* menaced us with an Invasion. 'Tis *Opportunity makes the Thief*. If they did not execute their Menaces, 'tis because they saw us well provided to receive them; but if the Kingdom had been drained of its regular Troops, 'tis more than probable they would have attempted the Execution of them; and then there would have been just Reason for a Parliamentary Enquiry into the Conduct of the War. Could we intercept any one of the Convoys the *French* sent into *Ireland*, in the Reign of King *William*? Was it not owing to the Winds detaining * *Monsieur de Fourbin* three or four Days in *Dunkirk* Road, that we escaped an Invasion in the Reign of Queen *Ann*? And was it not owing to the Winds dispersing the *Spanish* Fleet in the Year 1718, that we escaped a second Time?

* *Vid. Burnet's History of his own Time, Vol. II. p. 500.*

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Did * not the same eastern Wind, that waisted over the *Dutch* Fleet, when the glorious King *William* came to deliver us from arbitrary Power, shut ours up in the River's Mouth, and make it impossible for them to interrupt them ?

I am no Master of the *Science* of *Defence*, but know, that its first Principle is, to be on your own *Guard*, before you attempt to offend your *Enemy*. 'Tis not necessary for *France* or *Spain*, to make the same Preparations to invade *Ireland*, that we must do to invade them; they have many *Veteran* Regiments of that Nation in their Service, commanded by some of the best Officers of this Age, many of whose Ancestors have been despoiled of their Estates in that Kingdom, and would find but too many Friends there: But what Friends should we find in *France* or *Spain*, or what Troops have we of either of those Nations in our Pay? Were it necessary to embark a large Body of Horse, we could not be invaded without timely Notice to prepare for our Defence at home, and send out a Fleet to intercept or block up theirs; but as that is not necessary, if we had Intelligence of their Design to invade us, and were to block up that Port, yet Arms, Artillery, Saddles, Bridles, &c. may be put on board, and a Body of Foot embark at an Hour's Warning, whenever our

* *Vid. Burnet's History of his own Time, Vol. I. p. 57.*

Fleet should by foul Weather, either be dispersed or driven from its Station. Having not heard any Reason assigned, why a Cartel is not yet settled for the Exchange of Prisoners, I shall not presume to give one. The unhappy Situation of our Seamen, who are Prisoners of War, is certainly very much to be lamented; but whether their not being yet exchanged is a National Loss, I cannot easily determine; when I consider that *Great Britain* has near ten Times the Number of Seamen that *Spain* has, I am apt to think, *she* must feel more sensibly the Want of 3 or 4000 Seamen than *we* do; we are therefore not only to consider, what Service 3 or 4000 *British* Seamen would do us, but also what Prejudice the want of the same Number of *Spanish* Seamen is to *Spain*; for so many of theirs we have at least, and those their ablest and bravest Men.

I do not intend by this, to prove, that our brave Seamen ought to languish in a Prison for the Publick Good, I heartily compassionate their unhappy Circumstances, and hope that *Spain* will soon agree, to a reasonable Cartel for their Exchange; all I endeavour is to shew, that *Spain* must lie under greater Difficulties, and make use of more oppressive Methods to make her Naval Armaments, than we do; and then I will leave it to your Consideration, whether their not being yet exchanged is a National Loss, or not. I must

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own I cannot see why a *British* Sailor is more *invaluable* to *Great-Britain*, than a *Spanish* one is to *Spain*; I readily grant, that *our* Seamen are braver and more experienced than *theirs* are, but this will not make *theirs* less valuable to *them*.

I think, Sir, I have examined every Thing in your's, that is of Consequence, and abstracted from *Party*; 'tis the Province of the Legislature, not mine, to judge of the Conduct both of the Ministry and our Military Gentlemen, to whom I leave them; and shall conclude with recommending to you, and all true *Britons*, Unanimity, which alone can make us formidable to our Enemies, and bring the War to a happy Period. A War, undertaken to vindicate our *Commerce*, the very *Being* of the State; a War on the Issue of which the future Prosperity of the Kingdom depends; in which, *Spain* relies more upon our unhappy Divisions, than her own Arms, for Success; if therefore we could be persuaded to lay them aside, it must soon terminate in a safe and honourable Peace. I am,

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Your very humble Servant,

PHILAETHES.



P O S T S C R I P T.

SINCE the writing of this, I find on perusing your *List*, that the *Plymouth*, Number 161, said to be taken and carried into *Lisbon*, was afterwards released, being not adjudged lawful Prize; that the *Dartmouth*, Number 314, said likewise to be taken, is safely arrived at *Lisbon*; that the *Magaret*, Number 54, a *Dutch Ship*, taken on Suspicion of having *English Goods* on board, was discharged, and the Privateer punished; and that the Numbers 206 and 223; 241 and 267; 259 and 291; 260 and 286; and 261 and 266, are the same Ships mentioned twice, which may suffice to shew that your *List* is not entirely perfect. These eight Ships, at 3000 *l.* per Ship and Cargo, will diminish both the Loss of *Great-Britain*, and Profit of *Spain* 24000 *l.*

On the contrary, we have received Advice of several very valuable Captures made by our Ships of War in *America*, before the 4th of *November* last; and doubtless many more have been made in that Part of the World, by our Ships of War, and particularly by Privateers, of which we have yet received no Account; and consequently our *Loss* will be stated to

the 16th of *December* last, whereas our *Profit*, which must arise chiefly from Captures in the *West-Indies*, will be stated only to the 4th of *November* last.

The Captures made by Ships of War, are as follows,

A large *Spanish* Ship of 28 Guns, taken by the *Weymouth*, Capt. *Knowles*, and car. to *Jam.*

The *Constante*, of *Tener.* of 400 Tuns, 24 Guns and 64 Men, *Don Francis Havre Castilius*, Capt. with Money, Cocoa-Nuts, &c. from the *Carracas* for *Teneriffe*, taken off the Isle of *Bermudas*, by the *Superbe*, Capt. *Hervey*, and brought to *Kingsale*, valued at 200,000 *l.*

A *Champana*, with Money and Bale Goods for *Mempos*, taken off *Carth.* by the *Shoreham* Capt. *Broderick*, and car. to *Jam.* valued at 80,000 Pieces of Eight.

A *Span. Carraca* Ship of 300 Tuns and 53 Men, from the *Hav.* to the *Caraccas*, taken by the *Augusta*, Capt. *Dennison*, and car. to *Jam.* and an *English* Ship retaken.

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Add to these,

A large Privateer of 180 Men, sunk off the Isle of *Cuba*, by the *Dursley-Gally*, Capt. *Neat*.

These Captures will add at least 300,000*l.* to the *Profit* of *Great-Britain*, and as much to the *Loss* of *Spain*; and although we did not receive Advice of them, before the 16th of *Dec.* last, I cannot think any reasonable Man will make any Objection to their being placed to the Account of *Profit* and *Loss* by the War, till that Time; because *Europe* is that Part of the World, in which the *Spaniards* can do, and really have done us, the most Damage, by their Privateers; as *America*, is that, in which alone we can retaliate: if therefore 'tis not permitted to charge to the Account of *Profit* and *Loss*, the Ships we have taken in that Part of the World before the 16th of *Dec.* last, because the Advices are later; how will it be possible to state fairly the *Profit* and *Loss* of the two Kingdoms, when we receive the Accounts of our *Loss*, near three Months before we can those of our *Profit*?

Our *visible Profit* therefore by the War, notwithstanding our *Loss* is calculated above a Month later than our *Profit*, even when the above mentioned Captures are added to it, on the 16th of *December* last, was at least 822,300*l.*
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and the *Loss* of *Spain*, at least 1,660,800 *l.* both which, must daily increase, if the War continues; because *Spain* is in so miserable a Condition, by the Detention of her Treasure in *America*, that *she* must at all Adventures endeavour to bring it home, great Part of which will probably fall into our Hands, which is the hearty Wish, of,

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Yours, Ut supra.

